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and of John R. Rice

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Happy Week In Dallas

The editor returned from McComb, Mississippi, on Friday, July 22nd. After the burden of the other blessed revival was lifted, he felt led to have eight days of special services here in Dallas. God blessed and we are grateful for the happy week. Already we have had four baptizings of those who came in this week. This is Sunday afternoon — others are to be baptized tonight. Some have been saved every day and many hearts have been drawn nearer to the Lord.

One evening just before the service a man called me on the phone and asked if he could come to talk with me since he was in great trouble. So I asked him to attend the services and I would talk to him immediately afterward. He was present and came to the study. He told me how drink had enslaved him, had little by little brought him to the verge of ruin. That day his wife had made arrangements to sell the furniture, had spoken to a lawyer about filing suit for a divorce, and the next morning they were to appraise the furniture and divide it and break up their home. He had been married twenty-eight years, and finally his drinking had brought them to such poverty and disgrace and sorrow that his wife felt compelled to leave him. He said with tears, "It is all my fault. Drink is to blame. I try to quit. I intend to quit, but some way I never do."

We earnestly prayed together, and he asked God to be merciful to him. The next morning I went to their home where I was received kindly. With bitterness of spirit the wife went through the long years of drink and poverty and quarrels. She went to the little bed and said, "We have it for our

grandbaby, but this is no home fit for such a baby to visit in. I have just broken down — my heart is full of bitterness, and I can't go on any longer." While I was there a long distance call to her daughter was completed, she had intended to have the daughter come and get her.

We read the Scriptures, we prayed. They were earnest, tearful, burdened. The man promised to read again and again Psalm fifty-one, and the story of the prodigal son in Luke, chapter fifteen. That night he was at the church and made his open, public profession of faith in Christ. Since then he has been at every service, clean, sober, burdened. He asks for prayer, but how great God's mercy and love has been. He said, "I still have a fight ahead of me, but by the grace of God I am going to be true." God is working things out. Let all of us pray for that home.

One morning some of us agreed that we would trust God to bring somebody in the night service who would be saved and would be ready to be baptized. By faith, we arranged for some men's clothes and were prepared for whosoever should come. We ordered the baptistry filled. A woman was present who had trusted Christ at home, and wanted to be baptized. Our prayer was answered. The next night a young man was present from Granbury, Texas, who came to make his open profession of faith in Christ. He said he felt led of God to come to Dallas, and he was baptized at the close of the service, after standing and telling us he wished to be baptized.

We had a happy week, and for many blessings we thank God.

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The new book by Dr. John R. Rice, *What Is Wrong With The Movies*, printed by Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, is already in type and will be ready for distribution by the twelfth or fifteenth, possibly before. This book is not a tract, is not an ordinary pamphlet, but a book of ten strong chapters, I believe, over 100 pages, printed on thick, nice book paper with a two-tone paper cover.

The editor expects this book to be the most popular he has ever written. When part of the contents of the book were running in *The Sword of the Lord*, one week it was necessary to print 2,000 copies extra because of the demand for the article on the movies. More than half of the material in this book never appeared in *The Sword of the Lord*, I believe, and the most startling part, the chapter proving that thousands of girls have been led into sex delinquency through the movies, and the chapter proving that thousands of boys have been led into a life of crime by the movies, giving case after case with actual details that happened — all this was not printed in *The Sword of the Lord*.

One pastor asked for 200 of the books as soon as they were off the press. From all over America came calls for this strong, Scriptural scientific and Christian discussion on the movies. It gives

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What the Movie Book Is About
So that you may have an idea what is in the new book, *What Is Wrong With The Movies*, we give here the ten chapter headings:

1. The Power of the Movies:

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No Disappointment In Heaven

By F. M. Lehman

There's no disappointment in heaven,
No weariness, sorrow or pain;
No hearts that are bleeding and broken,
No song with a minor refrain.
The clouds of our earthly horizon
Will never appear in the sky,
For all will be sunshine and gladness,
With never a sob nor a sigh.

We'll never pay rent for our mansion,
The taxes will never come due;
Our garments will never grow threadbare,
But always be fadeless and new.
We'll never be hungry nor thirsty,
Nor languish in poverty there,
For all the rich bounties of heaven
His sanctified children will share.

There'll never be crepe on the door-knob,
No funeral train in the sky;
No graves on the hillsides of glory,
For there we shall never more die.
The old will be young there forever,
Transformed in a moment of time;
Immortal we'll stand in His likeness,
The stars and the sun to outshine.

I'm bound for that beautiful city
My Lord has prepared for His own;
Where all the redeemed of all ages
Sing "Glory!" around the white throne;
Sometimes I grow homesick for heaven,
And the glories I there shall behold:
What a joy that will be when my Saviour I see,
In that beautiful city of gold!

"I Want You To Know The Part You Played In Saving My Husband"

The following letter will greatly interest the readers of *The Sword of the Lord*, we feel sure. What a blessing it is that a good Christian woman in Enid, Oklahoma, Dr. Ayres of Calvary Baptist Church in New York City, and the editor of *The Sword of the Lord* could all cooperate with the Holy Spirit, using prayers, letters, preaching, *The Sword of the Lord*, and the booklet on Hell to save a soul, reunite a broken home, and make the young Christians gloriously happy in the Lord!

"Ardley, New York
July 12, 1938

"Dear Brother Rice:

"My sister, Mrs. G. E. of Enid, Oklahoma, wrote you around June 15th, asking if you knew of a fundamentally sound church in or around New York City. You replied there was the Baptist Calvary Church in New York City. She forwarded your letter on to me.

"In a recent visit to Enid, I accepted the Lord and I have been so happy since. I got back to New York on June 24th. I didn't see my husband for some time, not to talk to anyway, until July 4th, as we have been separated since March.

"The Lord answered my prayers about him, and from July 4th until July 9th he kept coming every evening to hear me read him the Bible. I gave him your booklet on 'Hell.' He was under conviction soon.

"Then Sunday morning we went to Baptist Calvary Church and Brother Ayres had a wonderful sermon. We went

again in the evening and my husband went forward and accepted the Lord. He is really a 'new creature' in Christ Jesus. He has really been born again. So I thought you would be interested to know we are back together again, to stay, in the Lord.

"While we were going through the courts (it took a year), no one brought the Holy Bible and read God's Word to us. Truly the natural man seeks not after God! We have agreed what all the judges need is a Bible and not man-made laws. Brother Ayres said Sunday, 'We do not need new deals, peace conferences, etc., we need the Lord!' Incidentally, he broadcasts his sermons over WHN from 11:00 to 12:30 in the mornings and 8:00 to 9:00 in the evenings on Sundays.

"My husband and I are going to be baptized together.

"All my vanity is gone, nail polish, make-up, and all. I never read anything but my Bible, and do not have any desire for movies or even the regular programs on the radio that I never failed to hear before. I have even bowed my will to this: if the Lord means for me to have more children, my only prayer is that He will use them mightily in His service. I have three boys already; six, three, and almost two. I have so much faith in Him. I know He will take care of us.

"Everywhere I go I praise the Lord, and some people think I am crazy. I say,
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Letter From Bill Rice In Moody Bible Institute

The editor takes the liberty of printing a letter from his younger brother who is a student in Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and doing fine work there. The particular reason for printing the letter is that we want people to be warned about the awful, blasphemous, conscienceless deceit of modernism. For any man to claim to be a Christian, and especially for any man to pose as a minister of the gospel and deny the virgin birth of Christ, the blood atonement and the infallible inspiration of the Bible is the worst hypocrisy and inexcusable sin. But there are many such preachers, many such professors in so-called Christian colleges and seminaries.

"153 Institute Place
Chicago, Illinois
July 18, 1938

"Dr. John R. Rice
McComb, Mississippi.

"Dear John:

"We received our *Sword of the Lord* this morning and were so happy to read of the revival in McComb with Robert Hughes. 166 conversions, reclamations and additions in the first ten days! God is really giving you a wonderful revival, isn't He? I know Robert and Mrs. Wilson and others are praising the Lord with you for such a meeting. You know, of course, that we are, too, along with hundreds of others who get your paper. It is good to know that God still gives great revivals, isn't it?

"You need not advise me, John, as to whether or not I should take the position of song leader in the church I
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Rev. Joe B. Rice In All Services Sunday

Pastor John R. Rice left Monday with his family and a stenographer for Waterloo, Iowa, where he is now engaged in a three weeks tent revival. In the pastor's absence, Evangelist Joe B. Rice will supply the pulpit at the Fundamental Baptist Tabernacle, preaching at the radio service on WRR, 7:30 Sunday morning, teaching the pastor's class in Sunday School and preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. in the services.

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Rebellious Wives and Slacker Husbands

(Continued From Previous Issue)

Wives Should "Submit to," "Be Subject to," "Be in Subjection to," "Be Obedient to" and Even "Reverence" Their Husbands

If women knew and cared about what God expects their attitude to be toward their husbands, they would be much more careful in accepting a husband and marriage would last longer and be more happy. God's Word on this question uses stronger language than any man would dare to use of his own choice on the same subject. In fact, God's language is so strong that most preachers in their cowardly submission to modern tendencies simply ignore it and do not preach it, or they explain it away as fit only for other times or only under ideal circumstances. Preachers must answer to God for the way they preach His Word. I will give you plainly what He says about a wife's duty toward her husband. I dare not do otherwise.

Wives, Submit "As Unto the Lord"

Study the Scriptures given carefully and remember that the words are God's Words, not mine, nor any man's.

Ephesians 5:22-25, 28, 33 is one of the clearest passages on the duty of a wife:

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and he is the Saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; . . . So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. . . . Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband."

Wives should submit themselves to their own husbands "as unto the Lord" (verse 22). A woman should obey her husband as if it were the Lord she were obeying, for in truth it is. That means a cheerful obedience which comes from a loving and an obedient heart. To obey her husband should be a part of a Christian woman's religion. She submits to him "as unto the Lord."

Wives Should "Be Subject in Everything"

Verse 24 quoted above says that "as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands IN EVERYTHING." It is true that every man, woman and child, every servant and every citizen should put God first and obey Him first. But here the Scripture seems to take for granted that there will never be a case where God will call upon a wife to obey her husband. Women are to be subject to their husbands just like the church is subject to Christ, even in everything! A woman is to be subject to her husband even in church, and in religious knowledge as we learn in I Corinthians 14:34, 35. Wives sometimes think they please God by spending time in routine church work when their husbands want them to attend to duties at home. I have known numerous cases where wives sought to give money to the Lord's cause without the husband's consent, sometimes stealing the money from his clothes to tithe. They did wrong according to Numbers 30:13-15. If the husband forbids it, he is responsible for the sin, not she. Wives should be subject to their own husbands in everything, says the Word of God. The wife is to be subject in her body, to her husband, even as she is to have the freedom of his body (I Cor. 7:3-5). A wife should be

subject to her husband in the way she directs the house, spends the money committed to her, controls the children, in the way she dresses, in the company she keeps — in everything.

A Wife Should "Reverence Her Husband"

Ephesians 5:33 even commands that "the wife see that she reverence her husband." The Bible does not say that men deserve reverence nor are worthy of it, but the Lord does teach that wives should give it. In this connection see I Peter 3:5, 6:

"For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands; Even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him Lord; whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement."

Subjection of a wife to her husband is not a slavish cringing nor a sullen submission to what one cannot avoid. Sarah loved Abraham so, admired him so thoroughly that, queenly woman that she was, she was not ashamed to call him Lord. She was in subjection to him with the kind of reverence which God commands Christian wives to have, and Sarah is here held up as a great example to wives who would please the Lord and have happy homes. A study of the Scriptures will reveal the companionship of Abraham and Sarah as about the most ideal and happy in the entire Bible. No other woman ever came between them, they never differed over their children, they were sweethearts until death. Happy is the woman who feels toward her husband as Sarah did, who can obey her husband with happy reverence. If you, Mrs. Modern Wife, cannot feel so toward your husband, do not be surprised if you never have the love and fellowship which Sarah had with Abraham and the respect and reverence of your children which Sarah had from Isaac.

God Commands Husbands to "Rule," Wife "Be Obedient"

Other Bible commands about the wife's duty toward her husband are as follows:

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord." — Colossians 3:18.

"They that may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed." — Titus 2:4, 5.

"Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee." — Gen. 3:18.

God uses strong terms here. He says to the wife, "Your husband shall rule over you." He says that older women should teach young wives to be obedient to their husbands, instead of encouraging frivolous and spendthrift wives to be rebellious and break the home. God's Word is explicit and plain and women who want to be happy,

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to have the real love of their husbands lasting down to old age, and the respect of their children and neighbors, which are not accorded to modern flapper wives, should take to heart these commands from God's Word.

Excuses of Rebellious Wives

People always have plausible excuses for not doing right. Women give many reasons for not being subject to their husbands as God commands.

It is often insisted that in these modern days of liberty and equality no woman could keep her self-respect to live in a home and not be counted equal with her husband in authority. But the same woman who objects to being under the au-

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'I Want You to Know'

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"Praise the Lord," for I know I am in my right senses for the first time! Even my husband says he can't be quiet!

"So I want you to send two copies of 'Be Ye Not Unequally Yoked Together With Unbelievers,' and 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' and use the rest of the two dollars. I am enclosing for tracts. I do not know which ones you carry, but use your own discretion."

"I wanted you to know the part you played in saving my husband. Thank you, and God bless you and your work."

"Brother Ayres said, 'Most couples start out with "puppy" love, and live a dog's life ever after.' And without the Lord in their hearts and home, that is very apt."

"Your friend in Christ, (Signed) "Mrs. C. C—."

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mentioned in my last letter. I resigned the day after writing to you. When I went to talk with Mr. Metcalf, the pastor, about the singing, etc., we began discussing our doctrinal beliefs, and found we could not possibly be more disagreed. He told me that no one but an 'uneducated fool' would believe that any one could be saved by the blood of Jesus Christ, and even went so far as to jestingly say that I must think Jesus was extremely large to have enough blood to cover the sins of everyone who claimed to be saved by it! Then he tried to show contradictions in the Bible, scoff at the idea of the Virgin Birth and resurrection, and made light of the Second Coming of Christ. John, I have often heard you, while preaching, tell how the modernists made of Jesus the illegitimate son of a harlot woman, but I am afraid I did not take you literally enough. This genteel, cultured, educated ass actually said that if Jesus were not the son of Joseph, HE WAS BOUND TO BE THE SON OF SOME OTHER MAN WITH WHOM MARY WAS HAVING INTIMATE RELATIONS!

"I asked him why in the world he wanted someone like myself to work with him, knowing that I believed the Bible and he did not, and he said he didn't care whether or not I agreed with him, he wanted someone who could lead his singing. He was getting more agitated all the time and the final straw came when he asked me if I didn't believe First Corinthians, chapter thirteen, enough to ask him to speak in my pulpit or lead my singing, and I told him, 'Not on a bet,' because the same fellow who wrote Corinthians wrote Galatians! Whereupon the good brother forgot his manners, stood on his feet and threw the song book down on the desk saying I was narrow-minded like all the fundamentalists, and that I was fired!

"And then he did a curious thing. I still am wondering why. He spent ten or fifteen

minutes almost begging me to come back and work with him this summer! Of course I told him I couldn't but I wonder why he asked me. Of course he doesn't stand for anything especially so I couldn't tear down his faith, but I don't see why he should want me, anyway.

"I thanked God, during our talk, for the work I received here last term on Bible Introduction, and this term in Biblical Criticism. The Modernistic arguments must be shopworn, for I was able to answer them easily and on his own grounds. I wouldn't take a great deal for that experience. Too bad I couldn't have gotten an offer from some Fundamentalist church, we could use the money.

"Catherine and Betty Ann are going to leave for Dallas this coming Saturday. Betty and Harold are coming for them. You can imagine how happy and excited Catherine is. Bless her heart, I hope she has a good time! I certainly out-married myself, John. Hope you are back in Dallas so she can see you. She will only be there one week. She would lose her job here if she was gone longer than that. I am anxious for you to see Betty Ann, too.

"Are you coming through here on your way to Waterloo this summer? And if so, will you have time to spend a night or so with us? We are going to have to move from this building in the next couple of weeks. Someone left the Institute a lot of money and they are wrecking this building to build a new auditorium on this lot. But if you can possibly stay a night or so with us, please do it. We will arrange for your accommodations.

"With best love,
(Signed) "Bill Rice
"P. S. Am still getting invitations to preach on Sundays. I am dated ahead through the first Sunday in September. I think this is wonderful and we sincerely thank God for the opportunity of preaching. I also have two assignments a week and opportunity for much personal work — sometimes street preaching."

Rebellious Wives and Slacker Husbands

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thority of her husband attends clubs of which she is not president. She works in a church of which she is not pastor. She is a citizen of a government where others rule over her. Even the policeman on the corner can command her to stop or go, turn left or right, or may hail her to court where she is as helpless as a child before the law. Men, too, cannot avoid authority over them and other members of the club, the church, the citizens are often as good, or as wise, or as well pleased as the president of the club, the pastor of the church, or the judge of the court. Men who work for salaries or wages, and women, too, must take orders from those in authority, and sensible people can be happy in doing so.

The rebellion of a wife against her husband is exactly the same in spirit as the rebellion of a disobedient child against his father, of an incorrigible pupil against the teacher or of a criminal against the government; it is lawlessness pure and simple. In any government, business corporation, or home, there must be those in authority. Even if everybody wanted to do right, as long as people are frail, erring mortals there will be disagreements as to what is right. Someone must decide. God has appointed the husband and father in the home as the head, and the wife, the weaker vessel, as his help meet.
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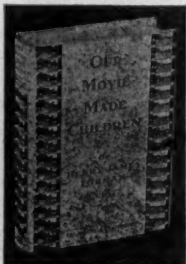
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